

**CAMPS IN ENGLAND**

**New Zealand Troops**

**SETTLING-DOWN PROCESS**

LONDON, July 16.

Summer weather at its best gave Zealanders of the second echelon most favourable impression of England on their arrival, and tempered the conceived ideas of a climate that so often exasperated touring cricket teams. It allowed them to settle in their four camps under the possible conditions.

After their arrival a visit was paid Mr. W. J. Jordan, the High Commissioner, who drove many miles in the course of a busy day. He wore the livery of the Returned Soldiers' Association, a reminder of his own war service, and fittingly, he was the first official visitor. He made a number of speeches, standing either on an improvised platform, ammunition boxes, soap box or a sandy mound. The speech and the speech were repeated several times, with minor differences. In each case the men were assembled in a clearing ringed by shady trees. They squatted on the light brown grass, leaning gravely, while men not on parade looked on from under trees in the shade of tents, often stripped of a grey flannel singlet.

Everyone accompanying Mr. Jordan was impressed by the Maoris. The way they swung their bayoneted rifles out to the "present" and "ground" was highly praised.

**No Lunch, No Haka!**

"No guardsman at the Aldershot Tattoo could improve on them," was one comment.

Every action was completed with perfect timing, and the steady clap, clap, up of their palms slapping the rifles they "sloped" was precision itself. There was a suggestion that a haka might be given for the benefit of the newsreel dogging the official party. Apparently Mr. Jordan was 20 minutes behind schedule by this time, and the Maoris had been kept waiting their lunch. So the newsreel men were promised a haka another day! When chatting to the men, a fund

of stories of the voyage over were forthcoming. And many questions.

There was the case of the man who removed a turtle from a zoo near an Australian port. Eventually it, too, was returned to its proper domestic quarters to dream down the years of high-spirited Dominion troops.

The curios collected were many and various. One man was seen coming ashore in Britain with a large pair of horns which had graced the head of some South African antelope not so long ago.

"What on earth he's going to do with it before he gets back to New Zealand goodness only knows," commented an officer. "But he got it ashore with him, anyway."

**Difference in Ships.**

There were many comparisons of life in the different ships. One ship fed its men with unsalted butter, which was not at all to the liking of the New Zealand palate. And the price of cigarettes on that particular ship was 3d. a packet more than in others. That was injustice indeed.

Introduction to camp life in England is regretted chiefly for the reduction in rations. Meals are smaller. This evidently led one worried New Zealander to ask a visitor, anxiously and searchingly:

"Is there enough tucker in the country?" He was fully assured on that point.

Commenting on the reduced meals one man observed: "Well, some of the boys may be suffering. Camp breakfast is rather different now from the time when they could get three portions of eggs and bacon for breakfast!"

**AWARDED D.F.C.**

**Wellington Pilot-Officer**

LONDON, August 6.

Pilot Officer L. R. Jacobsen, of Wellington, has been awarded the D.F.C. Louis Reginald Jacobsen is believed to have taken part in operations in Norway, and some weeks ago was reported missing. He is a son of Mr. Norman Reginald Jacobsen, of Karaka Bay, Wellington, who is well known in educational and sporting circles.

**SUNDAY HOSPITALITY**

**Men Of The Services Enjoy Y.M.C.A. Tea**

In spite of the fact that members of the third echelon were away on leave nearly 100 men from all arms of the service, including the navy, assembled in the lounge of the Wellington Y.M.C.A. on Sunday last to enjoy the hospitality provided for them by members of the Wellington South branch of the League of Mothers under the leadership of Mrs. James, president.

The chairman for the evening was Mr. J. W. Andrews, who was accompanied by Mrs. Andrews. Mr. Andrews said how pleased he was to see that so many men took advantage of the facilities offered them by the Y.M.C.A. As a returned soldier he knew what the Y.M.C.A. would mean to the men when they were overseas, and he hoped that they would not fail to make use of it to the full.

An enjoyable programme had been arranged by Mr. Frank Thomas, vocal items being given by Messrs. Gordon McKay, Leslie Thomas and R. Bennett, and a violin solo by Mr. E. G. Tait. A community sing led by Mr. H. Hindle and accompanied by Mr. Mann was entered into with enthusiasm.

In bright speeches representatives from the Army, Navy and Air Force expressed their thanks for the happy time they had spent and for the "home" atmosphere they always enjoyed at the teas every Sunday. Special guests were Captain and Mrs. Vance, Captain and Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. John Mitchell.

**MILITARY FORCES**

**Appointments Of Officers**

Appointments in the New Zealand Military Forces announced in the Gazette issued recently include the following:—

Lieutenant and Quartermaster G. W. O'Sullivan, N.Z. Permanent Staff, has relinquished the appointment of assistant camp quartermaster, mobilization camp, Trentham, and been appointed general staff officer, 3rd grade, army headquarters, Wellington.

Major T. A. H. Oliphant, M.C., has relinquished the appointment of second in command, Training Battalion, mobilization camp, Papakura, and has been appointed camp commandant, mobilization camp, Ngaruawahia.

Captain Albert Arthur Luckham, C.B.E., has been appointed assistant adjutant, mobilization camp, Papakura.

Lieut. D. W. Earle has relinquished the appointment of dental officer, mobilization camp, Trentham, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Ohakea.

Major A. L. George, 1st Battalion, Wellington Regiment (City of Wellington's Own), is to have the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel while holding the appointment of officer commanding, 1st Battalion.

A colonel of the old school was addressing two guilty-looking privates, whose clothes were torn and ragged.

"Look here, you fellows," he exclaimed, "I'll have you know that I simply won't tolerate fighting in my regiment!"

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The regimental wit looked down at the tiny carrot which have been included in his portion of boiled beef. "What's this?" he asked. "The thin edge of the veg., I presume."

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